

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 23, 2023

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Robin LaBuwi called the meeting to order.

Mark Dyel opened in prayer and Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Robin LaBuwi, President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Robby Cockrum, Shane Cockrum, Mark Dyel, and Kenny Irvin. Board member absent: Marci Glover.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giaccone, Board Attorney; Ryan Miller, Asst. Principal/AD; Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to allow Marci Glover to join the meeting via telephone. Robby Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Collective Bargaining

Mark Dyel made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and Collective Bargaining Matters. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; and Ron Giaccone, Board Attorney; entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:03 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:42 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Robby Cockrum -yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes and Mitch Bennett - yes. Board member absent: Marci Glover.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giaccone, Board Attorney; and Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2023

Executive Board Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2023

5.2 Approve Financial Report (February 2023)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (February 2023)

5.4 Approve ISP Law Enforcement Portal User Agreement for School Admin

5.5 Approve Annual IHSA Membership

5.6 Approve Performing Arts Field Trip to Fox Theater in STL, April 22, 2023

5.7 Approve Third Amendment to Athletic Training Services Agreement

Mark Dyel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Robby Cockrum -yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes and Mitch Bennett - yes. Motion Carried.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Project Update
- Financial Update
- Lions Club Honors Banquet
- Building Committee Meeting Update
- Breakfast/Lunch Program Update
- Possible Wrestling Program Coop with Sesser-Valier

Written reports from Principal Docherty and Assistant Principal/AD Miller were given.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS Cole Buchanan shared information regarding the student exchanges that occurred with the Marion and Zeigler-Royalton student councils.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Approve Activity Account Expenditures Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the expenditures from the Athletics Activity Account as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Employment of Personnel Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve Nikki LaBuwi as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year pending license of LBS1 by 7/1/2023. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mitch Bennett – no, Robby Cockrum – no, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, and Robin LaBuwi – yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Assignment of Personnel Mark Dyel made a motion to assign Brent McLain as a volunteer assistant track coach for the 2022-23 school year. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to assign Nathan Genisio as a volunteer assistant boys' track coach and grant permission to supervise Gavin Genisio at a meet in California without the presence of the head or assistant coach. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mark Dyel made a motion to accept the resignation from Timothy McMeen as speech and drama coach. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kenny Irvin made a motion to accept the resignation from Heather Mitchell as math/science department chair. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mark Dyel made a motion to accept the resignation from Lucas Roberts as girls' assistant basketball coach. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to assign Will Woodside as a volunteer assistant baseball coach. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Kenny Irvin made a motion to authorize the administration to post the following positions as available for the 2023-24 school year: speech head coach, speech assistant coach, math/science department chair, and assistant girls' basketball coach. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve 2023-24 Calendar Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the 2023-24 school calendar as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes, Robby Cockrum – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – no, and Kenny Irvin - yes. Motion carried. A copy of the 2023-24 calendar has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.5 Review/Approve MOU with BEA to Increase Pay for Extra-duty Driver Education Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the MOU with the BEA to increase the pay for extra-duty driver's education as presented. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this MOU has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.6 Review/Approve Agreement with Prestige Project Management Shane Cockrum made a motion to table this item to the next meeting of the board of education. Robbie Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.7 Review/Approve Agreement with REMEDY Engineering Kenny Irvin made a motion to table this item to the next meeting of the board of education. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.8 Approve Superintendent Contract Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Contract of Employment for School Superintendent as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.9 Approve District Extracurricular Dead Week, June 29, 2023-July 5, 2023 Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the extracurricular dead week as presented. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.10 Review/Accept Bid to Replace Upper Bleachers in Rich Herrin Gym Shane Cockrum made a motion to accept the bid to replace the upper bleachers in the Rich Herrin Gym as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.11 Approve Authorization for Bushue HR to Give Notice of Invitation to Let Bids for Property/Casualty/Workers Compensation Insurance with Coverage Equivalent or Greater than Current Policies Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the authorization for Bushue HR to give notice of invitation to let bids for property/casualty/workers compensation insurance with coverage equivalent or greater than current policies as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.12 Set Date for Board Organizational Meeting Mitch Bennett made a motion to set the date for the board organizational meeting for 4-20-2023 at 5:00 P.M. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS Kenny Irvin commented on positive feedback he has received concerning recent hires at BCHS.

11. ADJOURNMENT Shane Cockrum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 P.M. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY